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OPPOSES

A.1029 (Simotas)

AN ACT to amend the public health law, the labor law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to providing notice to restaurants of any regulation changes

The New York State Association of County Health Officials opposes the above-referenced legislation, which would mandate written notice of all new and amended rules and regulations related to restaurants.

New York State, through the State Administrative Procedures Act, and local governments through their own governing laws, provide multiple venues for advance notice of proposed changes to rules and regulations, formal public comment periods and public notice of adoption of such rules and regulations. The New York State Register is available on-line and in all county clerk offices throughout New York State, as well as many libraries, and is also available by subscription. Changes in local laws are routinely published in newspapers.

In practice, the state and local health departments provide food service establishments with information on law, regulations and other guidance as part of the educational component of inspections and permitting. Besides the fact that many venues currently exist to provide public notice of changes to state and local regulations, maintaining up to date knowledge of all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations is rightly incumbent upon any business, whether the changes be to public health law or other governing statutes.

As such, NYSACHO believes that this legislation is an unnecessary and unfunded mandate. For the above-stated reasons, NYSACHO opposes this legislation.

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